

whole and the MSA, although residents of the MSA are much more likely to use public transportation due to a much more extensive transit network closer to the nation's capital.

In 2011, 11,938 workers commuted to work in Fauquier County from other jurisdictions. The top three origins of in-commuters were Culpeper County (2,171 workers), Prince William County (1,706 workers), and Fairfax County (957 workers), although these origins account for only 40% of the total in-commuters.

For more information on the County's Jobs, Industry, Workforce, and Unemployment, see the Community Profile for Fauquier County at www.VirginiaLMI.com

For more information on Commuting Characteristics, see the most recent American Community Survey data at *factfinder2.census.gov* as well as the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics data at *lehd.ces.census.gov*

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Jobs and Employment

Fauquier County is home to over 20,000 jobs. The five largest employers are the Fauquier County School Board, Fauquier Health System, County of Fauquier, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and Walmart.

The top industries by employment (# of workers) within Fauquier County are Government (4,416), Retail Trade (2,883), Health Care and Social Assistance (2,738), Construction (2,081), and Accommodation and Food Services (2,017). Agriculture remains a vibrant industry within the County. The agriculture and forestry industries directly employ over 500 workers with many more than that employed in related businesses. Livestock and hay production are the largest agricultural businesses in the County. The equine industry has a long history in the County, and viticulture is a growing industry; the county is home to over 25 wineries.

Fauquier County is also located within the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), an area that accounts for over 2.4 million jobs for the region. The main industries represented throughout the region are Government, Professional Services, Health Care, and Retail Trade.

Workforce

In 2011, 35,414 Fauquier County residents were employed in the workforce, almost evenly split between male (49.9%) and female (50.1%) workers.

Fauquier County's workers vary both in their ages and levels of educational attainment. The majority of the County's workforce is between the ages of 30 and 54 (56.7%). The remaining workers are split

approximately even with 22.2% under 30 years of age and 21.1% 55 or older.

Over 90% of the workforce has at least a high school diploma (or equivalent), while 62.7% have at least some college experience. Workers with college degrees include 7.7% with an Associate's degree, 19.4% with a Bachelor's degree, and 12.9% with a Graduate degree.

Fauquier County workers are among the highest paid in the nation. In 2011 the County ranked 8th in the nation with a median household income of \$93,762. The average income for a family was \$126,927. For individuals, almost half of workers earn more than \$40,000 annually. 29.5% of the workforce earn between \$15,000 and \$40,000 annually, while 21.1% earn less than \$15,000.

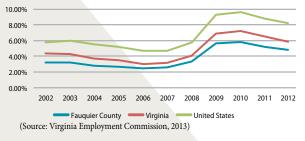
Unemployment

Fauquier County's unemployment rates have consistently been lower than those found in Virginia and the United States as a whole. In 2012, Fauquier County's unemployment rate was 4.7% whereas Virginia and the United States had unemployment rates of 5.9% and 8.1% respectively. April 2013 estimates show an overall decline in unemployment with Fauquier County reporting



a 4.1% unemployment rate as compared to Virginia's 5.0% and the United States' 7.1%.

Unemployment Rates



Commuting Characteristics

The majority of Fauquier County workers, 76.5% in 2011, commuted outside of the County for work. The remaining 23.5% of people both lived and worked within the County. The top three destinations for out-commuting workers were Fairfax County (7,041 workers), Prince William County (3,913 workers), and Loudoun County (2,443 workers). These three destinations, however, only account for half of the out-commuting traffic.

The average travel time to work for Fauquier County residents was approximately 38.3 minutes in 2011, slightly longer than the MSA as a whole (33.8 minutes) and significantly longer than the State of Virginia as a whole (27.3 minutes). Most residents drove between 25 to 50 miles one-way to work, while the State and MSA residents generally drove 10 miles or less to work. Most Fauquier residents used their personal automobiles for their work commute (79.1%). Only a small percentage of residents carpool (11.7%) or use other means of travel (7.8%) for their work commute. These figures are similar to those found for the State as a